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FM AMEMBASSY WARSAW

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2542

INFO AMEMBASSY BELGRADE

AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST

AMEMBASSY BUDAPEST

AMEMBASSY PRAGUE

AMEMBASSY SOFIA

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CVIS, PL

SUBJECT: EE EMIGRATION

REF: A. STATE 236660

B. WARSAW 7000

1. IN A RECENT FOLLOWUP CONTACT WITH OFFICER AT DUTCH  
EMBASSY RESPONSIBLE FOR CONSULAR AFFAIRS, FOLLOWING FIGURES  
HAD BEEN ASSEMBLED IN INTERIM SINCE LAST MEETING  
CONCERNING THE ISSUANCE OF ISRAELI IMMIGRANT VISAS TO  
POLISH JEWS:

CY ISSUED VISA ISSUED IMMIGRANT  
---- PROMESAS VISAS

1967	346	215
1968	5836	3064
1969	8504	7651
1970	1043	997
1971	648	997
1972	295	603
1973	248	236

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1974 (TO

10/31)	113	111
TOTALS	----	-----
	17,033	13,854

2. IN COMMENTING OF FIGURES, THE DUTCH OFFICER POINTED OUT THAT ISRAELI VISAS WERE NOT ISSUED TO POLISH JEWS UNLESS THE APPLICANTS HAD RECEIVED A PROMESA FROM POLISH AUTHORITIES FOR THE ISSUANCE OF EXIT DOCUMENTATION. THEREFORE, THE ISSUED VISA COLUMN SHOULD BE AN ACCURATE INDICATION OF THE NUMBER OF JEWS WHO LEFT POLAND WITH ISRAELI VISAS. HE MADE TWO FURTHER POINTS: (1) SINCE THE ISSUANCE OF THE VISA PROMESA CAME FIRST, AND SINCE EXIT DOCUMENTATION WAS NOT ALWAYS IMMEDIATELY FORTHCOMING, VISAS PROMESAS WERE OFTEN ISSUED IN ONE YEAR AND THE VISAS IN A SUBSEQUENT YEAR; HENCE THE IMBALANCE WHEN COMPARING THE FIGURES IN BOTH COLUMNS OF A YEAR-TO-YEAR BASIS; AND (2) A COMPARISON OF THE TOTALS GIVES AN INCORRECT IMPRESSION SINCE IT IS KNOWN TO THE DUTCH EMBASSY THAT SOME POLISH JEWS TO WHOM THEY ISSUED PROMESAS, BUT NEVER ISSUED ISRAELI VISAS, EVENTUALLY LEFT POLAND WITH DANISH VISAS. WHILE THE NUMBER IS NOT KNOWN, THE DUTCH OFFICER TOLD US THAT A JOINT PROJECT IS NOW UNDERWAY BETWEEN THE DUTCH AND DANISH EMBASSIES TO TRY AND DEVELOP SOME MEANINGFUL FIGURES. A FURTHER ANALYSIS OF FIGURES SHOWS THAT, BEGINNING WITH 1969, THE TOTAL OF VISA PROMESAS ISSUED (10,851) IS ONLY SLIGHTLY GREATER THAN THE TOTAL OF VISAS ISSUED (10,575).

3. EMBASSY OF OPINION THAT STATISTICAL INFORMATION CORROBORATES EARLIER EVALUATION GIVEN BY DUTCH EMBASSY AND REPORTED REF B.  
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